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**ERRATA:**

**The following leaf is  
inserted because one or more pages  
in this chapter have errors  
noticed and corrected here.**

## ERRATA.

- Page 2, eleventh line from the bottom, for "Nathan" read *Nahum*.  
3, third line from the bottom, after the word "matters" insert *and things*.  
6, at the end of chap. 6, for "January 27," read *January 29*.  
15, at the end of chap. 17, for "February 18," read *February 19*.  
22, chap. 23, sec. 3, sixth line, for "vehicle" read *vehicle*.  
29, third line from the top, for "votes" read *voters*.  
29, seventh line from the top, omit the word "by" before "law."  
29, sec. 8, tenth line, for "estate" read *estates*.  
31, chap. 50, sec. 1, fifth line, omit the word "other" before "refuse."  
33, chap. 33, sec. 1, eleventh line, for "mast" read *masts*.  
33, second line from the bottom, for "chair-" read *chain*.  
47, fourth line from the bottom, for "Northam" read *Northane*.  
48, third line from the top, for "Videto" read *Viddeto*.  
51, twelfth line from the bottom, between "that" and "all" insert the word *in*.  
52, in the enacting clause of chap. 53, for "entaced" read *enacted*.  
67, fifteenth line from the bottom, for "thousand" read *thousands*.  
68, twenty-third line from the top, for "annully" read *annually*.  
111, ninth line from the top, for "such" read *said*.  
113, chap. 1, fifth line, omit the word "the" before "advice."  
115, fifth line from the bottom, for "certificate" read *certificates*.  
122, in the title of chap. 21, for "Jordon," read *Jordan*.  
188, eighth line from the bottom, before the word "person" insert *other*.  
206, in the title of chap. 77, for "relating" read *relative*.  
207, chap. 79, second and third lines, between the words "of" and "State" insert the word *the*.  
224, chap. 93, twelfth line, for "relation" read *reference*.

## Chapter 86.

AN ACT authorizing the several School Districts in the town of Winthrop, to purchase the School Library.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the several School Districts in the town of Winthrop in the County of Kennebec, are hereby authorized to purchase with the money that they receive from the State for school purposes, the "School Library;" *provided* a majority of the district shall so vote, *and provided* they do not expend more than fifty per cent. of the money so received.

The several districts authorized to expend 50 per cent. of money received from the State, in the purchase of a library.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if any two districts choose to unite for the purchase of said Library, they are hereby authorized so to do.

Any two districts may unite, &c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That every district that purchases the Library aforesaid, shall make such rules and regulations for the preservation and management of said Library as they may deem proper.

May make rules and regulations.

[Approved March 18, 1840.]

## Chapter 87.

AN ACT additional to an Act to provide for repair of highways in certain unincorporated townships.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That from and after the passing of this Act the provisions of the first section of the Act entitled "an Act to provide for the repair of highways in certain unincorporated townships" approved April first, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, be and hereby is extended to the roads laid out and made by the State of Maine or by said State and the Common-

Provisions of former act extended to other roads therein named.

wealth of Massachusetts or hereafter to be laid out and made by the same and to roads the repairs and protection of which the State of Maine has assumed.

Authority of Co. Commissioners extended.

And the authority given to the County Commissioners for the several Counties in the second section of the Act to which this is additional to appoint Agents to lay out and expend the amount of assessment made under said Act is hereby extended to them to expend the assessments made under this Act.

County Commissioners to make assessment on or before the 15th of May, annually.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said County Commissioners shall make assessment as provided in the first section of this Act on or before the fifteenth day of May, in each year and shall certify the amount so assessed specifying the amount assessed on such township or part of township, and the road on which such assessment is to be expended to the County Treasurer of the County where such expenditure is to be made who shall soon as may be publish an attested copy thereof in some newspaper published in said County if any and in the newspaper published by the printer of the State three months before the time of sale together with a notice that so much of said lands will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder at such times and places as they shall designate as will satisfy said assessments and incidental charges, unless said assessments be paid to the Treasurer before said time of sale.

County Treasurer to publish a copy of assessment, &c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the owner of any township or part of township so assessed shall have the privilege of expending such assessment under the Agent appointed by said County Commissioners any time before the fifteenth day of July next after said assessment *provided* he give notice in writing of his intention of doing so to the Agent so appointed on or before the first day of June next after such assessment and any expenditure so made certified by such Agent to the County Treasurer shall be received as payment of so much of said assessment.

Owner of any township to have the privilege of expending any assessment, under the Agent appointed by the Commissioners.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the owners of land sold in pursuance of the foregoing section, or their lawful agents shall have the right to redeem said land by paying to the purchasers thereof the sums for which said lands were sold together with twenty-five per cent. per annum interest on said sums from the time of sale, *Provided* such payment shall be made within three years from the time of such sale.

Owners of land sold may redeem the same within three years.

[Approved March 18, 1840.]

### Chapter 88.

AN ACT to establish, regulate and preserve the Booms on the Aroostook, Fish and Saint John rivers.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the Boom constructed across the Aroostook river under direction of the Land Agent, in execution of the Resolve of twenty-fourth January eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and other Resolves on the same subject for the purpose of securing timber cut by trespassers on the public lands, and preventing its being carried out of the State, be established and continued the property of the State; and the lots of land whereon the Boom and its defences are constructed, be reserved for public uses till otherwise directed by the Legislature. The Boom to be continued under the care of the Land Agent, who is empowered to use all necessary means to preserve and protect it.

Boom established, and to continue the property of the State—lots of land on which the same is constructed to be reserved for public uses.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Boom across the Aroostook river at Fort Fairfield be so constructed as to allow the passage of timber belonging to lawful operators speedily and without unnecessary delay. And whenever any lawful oper-

Boom at Fort Fairfield to be so constructed as to admit of the passage of timber belonging to lawful operators.